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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/675,650; Filed: September 29, 2000
For: **PCA3 Messenger RNA Species in Benign and Malignant Prostate
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2004, transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$760.00 to cover Notice of Appeal fee and Extension of Time fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a)(1);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
3. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences-Small Entity; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

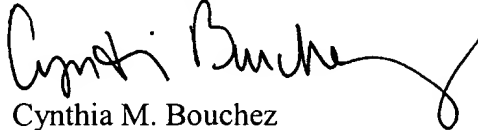
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Respectfully submitted,

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